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Behold, he prayeth.

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JESUS said: "Ask, and ye shall receive." "If ye shall ask anything in My Name, I will do it." "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

"Pray always, with all prayer and supplication in the spirit." "In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."

"Before thou prayest, prepare thyself; and be not as one that tempteth the Lord." "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any word before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few."

"Forgive thy neighbour the hurt he hath done thee: so shall thy sins also be forgiven when thou prayest."

"A man that fasteth for his sins, and goeth again and doeth the same, who will hear his prayer?" "If I incline unto wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."

"Pray for one another, that ye may be healed." "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and He shall give him life for them that sin not unto death."

"Be thankful unto God and bless His Name." "Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs." "Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

On Prayer.

TEN or twelve years ago you were born,—a helpless little infant. Like all mankind, you inherited the nature of Adam, which is sinful and corrupt. This was your *natural* birth.

After a short time you were brought to the Font, and there, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, you were “born again,” *i.e.* you received a new nature, in addition to that which you derived from Adam, even the nature of Jesus Christ, Who is the Second Adam. You became, by virtue of your Baptism, a living member of the Church, which is His Body: you were grafted into Him Who is the True Vine: you were made a child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven. This was your spiritual, and *supernatural*, birth.

For many months the germ of this new and holy nature was tended and fostered by God alone, and watered by the dews of His life-giving Spirit. But in due time the same God called in human agency: for He condescends to make weak and sinful men and women His helpers—“fellow workers” with Himself in nurturing and bringing to perfection the grace which He bestows on every infant in Holy Baptism. Before you were well able to speak, your mother taught you to say words of prayer—very short and very simple words—at her knee night and morning. By and by, as you grew a little older, I suppose a few more clauses were added to your prayer. You learned a few simple hymns, and were taught something about God—the Father Who made you, the Son Who redeemed you, and the Holy Ghost Who sanctifieth you. You were told about

heaven and hell, and how God loves little children who are good, and gentle, and truthful, and obedient; and is grieved when they are naughty, selfish, false, or ill-tempered.

By the time you were eight or nine years old, perhaps your daily prayers were expanded and lengthened still further; you had learned the Catechism, and received additional teaching in the doctrines of the Church, and the duties of a Christian boy.

Now, all this is what I mean by "human agency." Had you not received this religious training in your early years—had you not thus been TAUGHT HOW TO PRAY, the good seed which you received in your Baptism might never have germinated at all, but have been as a dead, lifeless thing within you—just like an acorn lying for years neglected in a drawer, instead of being planted in a kindly soil, and nourished by all the gracious influences of God's sun, and wind, and rain.

You have just entered upon a new chapter of your life. You have come to School. You with its new life are separated from your father and and altered mother by, it may be, many miles. You circumstances. can no longer have the benefit of their immediate guidance, and advice, and protection, which you have enjoyed hitherto. All the more need, therefore, that you should learn now to lean upon your Father Which is in heaven, and to trust yourself to Him, to His wisest counsel, and His most loving care.

But here again *you want help*—do you not? You are surrounded by temptations and trials Human help are different in many ways from those of needed as before. your childhood. You have need now to pray for fresh grace for the performance of new duties; fresh protection against dangers to which you were not exposed in your home life. The prayers which you have used hitherto would, I suppose, be too narrow to *include all your new wants*. You have reached a new

stage in your life, and, as before, your prayers require an expansion. This is just what I have tried to provide for you in the pages of this little book, of which I hope you will make regular use. But remember this, that

Use of forms. *forms* of prayers are intended chiefly for your guidance and assistance, and not to supersede thought and reflection on your own part. You ought not, therefore, to confine yourself to them exclusively, but try to add—morning and evening—before the final prayer for blessing, a few simple words of your own, asking for those helps and graces which you feel you most need.

Let me now say a few words on Prayer in general.

What is Prayer? Prayer is *a coming to God*; as a dutiful son would come to his earthly father for counsel and help in difficulty; or as a disobedient and prodigal son, repenting him of his sin, would come to the same loving father for pardon and restoration to favour.

You were made in your Baptism—not in words, but really and actually—*a child of God*. You have a right, therefore—He has given you the right—to come to Him without fear of His casting you out, or turning a deaf ear to your prayers. At your age—that is, before you are admitted to the Holy Communion—Prayer, public and private, is the great channel whereby God's grace is communicated to you, whereby you draw from His treasures the strength necessary for your daily life. Take heed, therefore, my son, that you pray in faith, earnestly believing that God hears you, and graciously receives your prayer. Take heed that you pray with the heart and the understanding, and not with the lips only, dishonouring God. Prayer is the breath of the soul's life: take heed that your soul be not starved and stunted in its growth—that its union with Christ be not

imperilled by neglect of prayer. For neglect of prayer means an unholy life, and continuance in unholiness tends to make Christ withdraw Himself from us, till finally, if we do not turn and repent, He leaves us altogether, never to return again.

But Prayer means a great deal more than a mere asking God to give us the things that we need from Him, for our souls and bodies. A prayer consisting merely of a series of petitions for the supply of our own wants would be an entirely selfish thing. When we kneel down upon our knees, the words that we use, whether taken from a set form, or coming forth from our own hearts, ought to contain these four elements, whatever may be the order in which they occur.

1. Praise and thanksgiving. 2. Confession of sin. 3. Petition, or asking for what we need. 4. Intercession, or prayer for the good of others.

1. Remember, when you kneel down to pray, that your first duty is to render thanks and praise to the God of all mercies for His past goodness, before you ask Him to bestow upon you new gifts and favours. This is so reasonable that we might feel sure of its truth even if the Bible had been silent on the subject, in the way either of precept or example. But S. Paul teaches us very plainly the duty of thanksgiving as a necessary accompaniment of prayer. "In everything," he says, "by prayer and supplication, *with thanksgiving*, let your requests be made known unto God." As though he had said, "*Without thanksgiving*, it is useless and wrong to request anything of God." Again, in another place, to the command, "Pray without ceasing," he adds, in the same breath, "In every thing *give thanks*, for this is the will of God concerning you." And of a great saint of the Old Testament, the prophet Daniel, it

is recorded that he "kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and *gave thanks* before his God."

2. Your prayers ought also to include Confession—

Confession. at least your evening prayers, that you may not lie down in your bed with unrepented sin upon your conscience. Think for a moment what Confession is: what an inestimable privilege it is to be able to go to Almighty God, and say, "FATHER, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee. I acknowledge my transgressions. O hide Thy Face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities." And then to know that if you do this faithfully and unfeignedly, you will obtain His forgiveness! For what saith the Scripture? "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."

3. Again, your prayers will contain some petitions:

Petition. not so much for the good things of this life (which will be added unto us sufficiently, if we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness), as for the gifts of God's Holy Spirit: for grace, and guidance, and protection, and strength to do His will. And surely, with the consciousness of the sins and failings which you have just confessed strong upon your mind, you will feel *that you want these things*—that you want nothing so much. You will remember, also, that in order to obtain blessings of Almighty God, you must "ask in faith, nothing wavering;" you must persevere in asking, like the importunate widow, or like the Syrophenician woman, who would not be deterred till she had received the gracious answer, "Be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

4. But you will not think it enough to pray for blessings upon yourself alone. You will also

Intercession. pray for others, whom you love no less *dearly than yourself, and with whose welfare and*

happiness your own are so closely bound up. I mean, of course, your parents, brothers and sisters, other relations, friends, and benefactors. Your prayers, therefore, will always contain petitions for them. You will feel how much you owe to them, how much you depend upon them, how destitute and miserable you would be without their help and without their love. And you will remember that this is pleasing to God; that He commands us to "*make intercessions* for all men," and especially, therefore, in our private prayers, for those who are near and dear to us. Remember also, my son, how even S. Paul, inspired Apostle though he was, yet repeatedly besought his disciples to pray for him: how much more need then have *we*, your Masters and Teachers, who are set over you in the Lord—weak and sinful like yourselves—what great need, I say, have we to make a like request of you. Night and morning, in our private prayers, we make mention of you: and therefore, as we have need, so have we also a right to say to you, "Brethren, pray for *us*."

These, then, are the four principal elements which all acts of worship, be they public or private, ought to contain. You will find them every one in the Prayer Book, in the public worship of the Church: you will find them also in this little book, which I have adapted to your private wants and uses with all the pains in my power. But as I have spoken of *public* worship, I wish you to notice one great point of difference between the prayers which are used by a congregation, and those which we offer in our private, secret approaches to Almighty God. The special use and advantage of private prayer, as distinguished from public, is this, that it enables us to ask, in words, for *the very thing* of which we ourselves, individually, are most in need. In public worship, all the prayers, confessions, &c., are *of necessity general* in their scope, and we can only

Private Prayer
contrasted
with Public.

make a momentary mental reference to anything of a more particular nature: but in private, we have the fullest opportunity of asking for the special gifts and graces that we *individually* require, of confessing our particular faults, of making particular intercession for our own special friends in whom we are most deeply interested. No one but Almighty God and ourselves knows what are our besetting sins, our particular temptations, our particular weaknesses. But *we* know this very well, or with a little care and self-examination *may* know it. Some of you are tried most in one way,

and some in another. Some are tempted Besetting sins. most to idleness and sloth: some to envy: some to disobedience: some to extravagance—perhaps dishonesty—in spending money: some to sins of the tongue, such as swearing or indecent language: some to cruel treatment of those who are younger or weaker than themselves: some to excessive waste of time upon mere amusement: some to greediness and gluttony: some to irreverence or inattention at prayer: some to selfishness: some to pride and vain glory: some to hypocrisy. This, then, is the great use and benefit of your private prayers—that each may confess any of these things of which he has been guilty; each may pray to God for grace to avoid the same or similar transgressions for the time to come; each may intercede for those who are added to the number of his friends, or have shown him any fresh kindness; each may thank God for the additional mercies he has received at his hands, from day to day.* This, if it be done even in a small degree, can scarcely fail to produce the greatest good. It will help you to fix your thoughts when you pray. It will give to your prayers something of life and reality, and save them from degenerating into a mere matter of routine, a mere form

* See Bp. Wordsworth's "Christian Boyhood at a Public School," vol. i., page 171.

or ceremony, observed in deference to custom and decency, but not regarded as *a coming to God*, and a means of obtaining from God His richest blessings.

Thus far I have spoken of regular, stated prayer—the
 Ejaculatory prayer that we all offer, night and morn-
 Prayer. ing, as the barest Christian duty. But
 those who indeed desire to walk with
 God will not be content with this: they will aspire to
 carry out the Apostolic precept, "Pray without
 ceasing." And what is the meaning of a precept
 seemingly so impossible and unreasonable? For
 answer, let me transcribe a passage from a well-known
 devotional writer. "Prayer," he says, "is to be
 regarded not only as a distinct exercise of religion, for
 which its own time must be set apart, but as a process
 woven into the texture of the Christian's mind, and
 extending through the length and breadth of his life.
 Like the golden thread in a tissue, it frequently dis-
 appears beneath the common threads. It disappears
 and is hidden from the eye; yet nevertheless it is
 substantially there, like a stream running underground
 for a certain period of its course. Suddenly, the thread
 emerges into sight again on the upper surface of the
 tissue, and suddenly again disappears; and thus it
 penetrates the whole texture, though occasionally
 hidden. This is a very just illustration of the matter
 in hand. Look from without upon the Christian's life,
 and you will see divers occupations and employments,
 many of which, it may be, call for the exercise of his
 mind. But beneath the mind's surface there is an
 undercurrent, a golden thread of Prayer, always there,
 though often latent, and frequently rising up to view,
 not only in stated acts of worship, *but in holy ejacula-
 tions.*" Again, "Ejaculatory prayer is the exercise by
 which business and devotion are interlaced one with
 another." *

* Goulburn's "Thoughts on Personal Religion," Part ii.,

So, you see, when the Apostle exhorts us to "pray without ceasing," he means that we should maintain unbroken the soul's communion with God, so that at any time, at any moment of trial or temptation, in the midst of our business or our amusement, we may be ready, if need be, to turn in thought to God, just as a little child instinctively feels for his father's hand, when the smallest danger seems to threaten him.

There are, in this loud, stunning tide
 Of human care and crime,
 With whom the melodies abide
 Of the everlasting chime;
 Who carry music in their heart
 Through dusky lane and wrangling mart,
 Plying their daily task with busier feet,
 Because their secret souls a holy strain repeat.

One word more. If your private prayers are not properly said, it is impossible for you to take your part rightly in public prayer. **Influence of Private Prayer on Public.** Indeed, one of your constant petitions in private ought to be that you may be enabled to worship God as you ought in the public and more solemn offices of His House, where the sin of irreverence and inattention is at the same time insulting to Him and injurious and painful to your fellow-worshippers. Learn, therefore, I beseech you, to say your Private Prayers reverently and devoutly, not only for their own sake, but in order that you may be better able to join in Public Prayer. For otherwise you cannot do this: I mean, you cannot do it without the grace and help of Almighty God; and be sure of this,

chap. xi. See also the instructive preface to "Short Devotional Forms" by the same writer, copies of which will always be found in the Chapel, for the convenience of such as desire to form the habit of private prayer through the day.

that He will not give you this assistance if you neglect to ask Him for it, or if you pray to Him in private as if you had no real occasion for His help either in this or in other things.

May God give you richly of His grace and Holy Spirit. May He bless to your soul's health the use of this little book. May He make it a help to you to come to Him and open your heart to Him without reserve. And may you go from strength to strength, until you appear before God in Sion. Amen.

Morning Prayer.

CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE.—
Josh. xxiv. 15.

On awaking, try to let your first thoughts be of God. Immediately after rising, kneel down for a moment, before you begin to dress, and say :

I LAID me down and slept, and rose up again:
for the LORD sustained me.

O THOU, Who very early in the morning,
about the rising of the sun, wast pleased
to leave Thy empty tomb and return again from
the dead : Raise me, I pray Thee, by the power
of Thy Resurrection, and help me to walk in new-
ness of life ; dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto
Thee.

VOUCHSAFE, O LORD, to keep me this day
without sin.

When you are dressed, kneel down, remember God's presence, and say,

LORD, have mercy upon me.

CHRIST, have mercy upon me.

LORD, have mercy upon me.

OUR FATHER, &c.

DO away, O LORD, as the night, so my transgressions: scatter my sins as the morning cloud.


G LORY be to Thee, O LORD, for all the mercies of the past night. Thou, O GOD, knowest all my weakness and my many temptations. Keep me, I pray Thee, this day from all evil. Help me, by Thy HOLY SPIRIT, to know what things I ought to do, and give me grace and strength to do them faithfully. Teach me to remember that I am in Thy presence always. Make me chaste and pure: truthful and diligent: kind and forgiving: lowly and obedient. Keep my lips from profane and unclean words, and turn away mine eyes from sin and vanity. Thou hast been pleased to make me Thine own child in my Baptism: guide me, I pray Thee, by Thy HOLY

SPIRIT, that as I grow in years I may grow in grace, and in Thy favour, and finally be made meet for Thy kingdom in heaven; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

O GOD, Who didst reveal Thyself to Thy Prophet Samuel while he was yet a child; Grant unto me, who am Thy child by adoption and grace, a more perfect knowledge of Thy will, that I may ever walk in the way of Thy commandments; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who, for an example that we should walk in Thy steps, wast subject unto Thy parents with all obedience: Grant me grace to order myself lowly and reverently to all who are set in authority over me; that so, following the steps of Thy most holy Childhood, I may now in the days of my youth grow in likeness unto Thee; Who livest and reignest with the FATHER and the HOLY SPIRIT, One God, Blessed for ever. Amen.

O BLESSED SAVIOUR, Who didst deign to grow both in wisdom and in stature: Make me swift to hear instruction: apt to learn; earnest in using the means of improvement which Thou vouchsafest to me in this place: that so, *diligently seeking after wisdom*, I may grow



therein, and may find favour both with Thee and with man ; Who livest and reignest with the FATHER and the HOLY GHOST, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

O LORD, I commend to Thy fatherly love and goodness all for whom I ought to pray, especially my dear father and mother, brothers and sisters : all my relations, friends and school-fellows : all the Masters of this School. Guide, guard and keep them through the course of this day : be with them in the hour of death, and finally bring them to Thy heavenly kingdom ; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

You are entreated to add here at least one of the Prayers given at page 30. You know best yourself which are most suitable to you.

GOD the FATHER, GOD the SON, GOD the HOLY GHOST, bless, preserve, and keep both me and mine, this day and for evermore. Amen.

HYMN. *Jam lucis orto sidere.*

Now that the daylight fills the sky,
We lift our hearts to God on high,
That He, in all we do or say,
Would keep us free from harm to-day.

May He restrain our tongues from strife,
And shield from anger's din our life ;
And guard with watchful care our eyes
From earth's absorbing vanities.

O may our inmost hearts be pure,
From thoughts of folly kept secure ;
And pride of sinful flesh subdued
Through sparing use of daily food.

So we, when this day's work is o'er,
And shades of night return once more,
Our path of trial safely trod,
Shall give the glory to our God.

All praise to God the FATHER be ;
All praise, Eternal SON, to Thee ;
Whom, with the SPIRIT, we adore
For ever and for evermore. Amen.

DIRECTIONS FOR READING HOLY SCRIPTURE.

(Abridged from Bishop Ken.)

If you have time, after saying your morning prayer, you ought to read a short portion of your Bible; some of the words of the Divine Master in the Holy Gospels, or a part of the writings of His inspired Apostles, or of the wisdom of Solomon in the Old Testament: remembering the example of the young Timothy, who was bred up to know the Scripture from a child.

But if you want time on ordinary days to read the Scripture, be sure to read somewhat of it on Sundays, and at night when you are just going to bed, that you may close the day with holy thoughts.

To make your reading the more profitable to you, begin with one or more of these ejaculations:

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way: even by ruling himself after Thy Word.

LORD, open Thou mine eyes, that I may see the wondrous things of Thy law.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, I humbly beg Thy HOLY SPIRIT so to help me at this time to read and understand, to remember and practise Thy Word, that it may make me wise unto salvation.

Then begin to read, and consider that it is God's most Holy Word you read; and that all the while you are reading, God is speaking to you, and therefore read with attention, humility, and reverence, and endeavour as much as you can to suit your affections to the subject you read.

For instance, if you read any of God's commands, they should excite in you a zeal to keep them.

If you read any of God's threatenings against sinners, or His judgments on them, they should excite in you a fear to provoke Him.

When you read any of His gracious promises, they should encourage and quicken your obedience.

When you read any of God's mercies, they should excite you to thanksgiving.

When you have read as much as conveniently you can, conclude with one of these ejaculations :

Teach me, O LORD, the way of Thy statutes :
and I shall keep it unto the end.

LORD, make Thy Word a lantern unto my
feet, and a light unto my paths.

LORD, make Thy Word my delight and my
counsellor.

Golden Counsels.

(For your guidance through the day.)

MY son, if thou wilt receive My words, and
hide My commandments with thee ;

So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom,
and apply thine heart to understanding ;

Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest
up thy voice for understanding ;

If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for
her as for hid treasures ;

Then shalt thou understand the fear of the
LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.
Proverbs ii.

MY son, forget not My law; but let thine heart keep My commandments:

For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of GOD and man.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. *Proverbs iii.*

MY son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life. *Proverbs vi.*

Ebening Prayer.

Kneel down, remember God's presence, and say :

LORD, have mercy upon me.

CHRIST, have mercy upon me.


LORD, have mercy upon me,

O UR FATHER, &c.

TRY me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart: prove me and examine my thoughts. Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me : and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

(Still kneeling.)

Have I been false or deceitful to-day ? Told a lie, or acted a lie ? *Broken trust in any way ?* Shown bad temper with any Master or boy ? Have I been sullen or disrespectful ? Unkind or cruel to one weaker than myself ? *Have I tempted any boy to sin*, or said or done anything to make another think lightly of sin ? Used profane or unclean language ? Spoken mockingly of sacred or serious matters ? Done anything which I knew *at the time* to be wrong ? Have I been diligent *and careful in my work* ? If I have been injured to-day,



am I ready to forgive him who has wronged me? If I have had a quarrel, am I ready and willing to make it up, or am I still angry and revengeful? Did I say my prayers reverently this morning, or perhaps omit them altogether?

[If I am in a position of authority, have I discharged my duty conscientiously to-day? *Have I set a good example myself?* Have I been tyrannical, exacting, or selfish, in the exercise of my authority?]

O GOD, Heavenly FATHER, I Thine unworthy servant beseech Thee, for JESUS CHRIST's sake, to forgive me whatever I have done amiss this day, (*especially*). Make me heartily sorry for these my sins and misdoings, and give me grace to forgive all who have offended me, even as I hope to be forgiven of Thee. Help me, O LORD, by Thy HOLY SPIRIT, to become better and more obedient to Thee, day by day, and more like to my Blessed SAVIOUR. Help me so to live that I may not be afraid to die, and that when Thou dost call me hence I may rest in CHRIST, and awake at last to a joyful resurrection, for His sake and merits. Amen.

GLORY be to Thee, O LORD, for all the mercies of the day past. Teach me to love Thee, and to praise Thee, as I ought, for all Thy goodness and lovingkindness unto me: above all, for giving Thine only Son to die for

me. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me praise His Holy Name.

O ALMIGHTY FATHER, pour down, I beseech Thee, the abundance of Thy grace and blessing on my dear father and mother, brothers and sisters: on all my relations, friends, and school-fellows: on the Masters of this School, who are over me in the LORD. Give Thy holy Angels charge over them and me, and keep us in all safety this night and for evermore; for the sake of JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

HAVE mercy, O Loving SAVIOUR, upon all who are in any need or adversity: succour the dying: comfort and heal the sick: help those who are in trouble or sorrow: restore the penitent: bring back the erring. Remember them for good, according to the love wherewith Thou lovest Thy whole Church, which is Thy Body. Amen.

You are entreated to add here one at least of the Intercessions given at page 37. You will find it a wise plan to use them in regular rotation: for in this way you can make sure of not forgetting any of those for whom you ought to pray.

GOD the FATHER, God the SON, God the HOLY GHOST, bless, preserve, and keep both me and mine this night and for evermore. Amen.

When you lie down in your bed, say :

I WILL lay me down in peace, and take my rest : for it is Thou, LORD, only that makest me dwell in safety.

HYMN. *Te lucis ante terminum.*

BEFORE the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray,
That Thou with wonted love would'st keep
Thy watch around us while we sleep.

O let no evil dreams be near,
Nor phantoms of the night appear ;
Our ghostly enemy restrain,
Lest aught of sin our bodies stain.

Almighty FATHER, hear our cry,
Through JESUS CHRIST our LORD most High,
Who, with the HOLY GHOST and Thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

General Prayers.

CONFESSION OF SINS.

I CONFESS to Thee, O LORD JESU CHRIST, all my sins that I have ever committed, from my childhood even unto this hour, whether knowingly or ignorantly, by day or by night, in word or in deed, in thought or in neglect, through the assaults of the devil, or the frailty of my flesh, against Thy Divine Will; beseeching Thee that Thy wrath may not come upon me, but that Thy grace may visit me now and always. Amen.

May the Almighty and most Merciful LORD grant me pardon, absolution and remission of all my sins. Amen.

NOTE.—Psalms 6, 25, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143, are Psalms of penitence.

FOR PARDON.

O GOD of mercy and pity, of Thy goodness have compassion upon me Thy servant; vouchsafe graciously to receive my supplications; of Thy great kindness and longsuffering forgive me all my many sins; grant me space for repentance, so that I may receive at Thy hand remission of all that I have done amiss; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR GRACE TO AMEND.

LORD, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not my sins to my charge, but forgive that is past, and give me grace to amend my sinful life: to decline from sin, and incline to virtue; that I may walk with a perfect heart before Thee, now and evermore. Amen.

FOR THE HELP OF THE HOLY GHOST.

O GOD, forasmuch as without Thee I am not able to please Thee; Mercifully grant that Thy HOLY SPIRIT may in all things direct and rule my heart; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR SPIRITUAL STRENGTH.

O GOD, Who knowest me to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of my nature I cannot always stand upright; Grant to me such strength and protection as may support me in all dangers, and carry me through all temptations; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR GRACE TO WITHSTAND TEMPTATION.

LORD, I beseech Thee, grant me grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil; and with pure heart and mind to follow Thee, the only God; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR STEDFAST PERSEVERANCE.

O ALMIGHTY God, Whom truly to know is life everlasting: Grant me so perfectly to know Thy SON JESUS CHRIST to be the way, the truth, and the life, that I may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same Thy SON, JESUS CHRIST, our LORD. Amen.

FOR OBEDIENCE TO PARENTS.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who for thirty years didst live with Joseph, and Thy mother Mary, and wast subject unto them: Grant me grace so to love and honour my parents, and to obey them in Thee, that I may dwell with Thee for ever in the Promised Land of Heaven. Amen.

FOR OBEDIENCE TO THE MASTERS.

HELP me, O LORD, to obey in all things the Masters of this School. Grant me grace to be diligent, honest, and earnest in all my lessons. Help me to bear reproof with meekness, not answering again, but submitting myself patiently to those who have the rule over me; through JESUS CHRIST, Thy SON, our LORD. Amen.

FOR A BLESSING ON STUDY.

O GOD, Who art the Fountain of Light, and the Author of all Knowledge: Vouchsafe, I pray Thee, to enlighten my understanding, and to remove far from me all darkness of sin and ignorance. Give me diligence in study; quickness of apprehension; the power to retain what I learn: that what I acquire by Thy help, I may apply to Thy glory and the furtherance of Thy Kingdom; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

CHOICE OF A PROFESSION.

GRANT me, I beseech Thee, O LORD, the light of Thy HOLY SPIRIT, that I may see and know what Thou wouldest have me to do. Give me grace, now and always, so to follow the leadings of Thy providence, that my life may be spent to Thy honour and glory, in whatsoever way it may please Thee; Grant this for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

AGAINST ALL EVIL HABITS.

O GOD, Whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive my humble petitions; and though I be tied and bound with the *chain of my sins*, yet let the pitifulness of Thy *great mercy loose me*; for the honour of JESUS CHRIST, our *Mediator and Advocate*. Amen.

AGAINST SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS.

KEEP ever in my heart, O LORD, the remembrance of my many sins, that I may never be lifted up with pride, nor esteem myself holy in Thy sight; for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

AGAINST VANITY.

O ALMIGHTY God, of Whom all good things do come, Who givest and Who also takest away: Keep me from being vain of knowledge, cleverness, strength, or any of Thy gifts, and help me to use them all to Thy glory: through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

AGAINST ANGER.

GIVE me, I beseech Thee, O Gentle LORD JESU, the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit: keep me from hasty and passionate words, and from sullen or revengeful thoughts: grant that remembering my own infirmities I may bear with those of others, being patient toward all men, gentle, and not easily provoked. Amen.

AGAINST ENVY.

O SAVIOUR of the world, suffer me not to fall into the sin of envy. Help me not to feel jealous when others succeed and I fail, or vexed when they are praised and I am overlooked. Grant me to seek only for Thy praise, and Thy favour, and for that heavenly reward which Thou hast prepared for those who love and serve Thee. Amen.

FOR A FORGIVING SPIRIT.

HELP me, O LORD JESU, to forgive as I hope to be forgiven: suffer no thoughts of malice, spite, or revenge to rest within my heart; but fill me with love to all men, even to those who hate me and use me ill. Amen.

AGAINST IMPURE THOUGHTS.

O MERCIFUL and Blessed LORD God, keep me from indulging impure thoughts, remembering that my body is a temple of the HOLY GHOST, Who dwelleth in me. Amen.

AGAINST INDECENT WORDS.

ALMIGHTY God, Who wilt call me to account for every idle word : Grant that no indecent word or jest may ever pass my lips, but make me pure and modest in my speech and in my thoughts. Amen.

FOR FAITH.

O GOD, enable me, I beseech Thee, so perfectly to believe in Thy SON JESUS CHRIST, that my faith in Thy sight may never be reprov'd : and grant that as I am called to a knowledge of Thy grace and faith in Thee, I may avoid all those things that are contrary to my profession, and follow all such as are agreeable to the same ; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR HOPE.

GRANT unto me, O LORD, I beseech Thee, such a good hope of life eternal in the heavens, that in all griefs and trials of this uncertain world, my heart may be set on those unfading joys which Thou hast promised through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR LOVE TO GOD.

O GOD, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding : Pour into my heart such love toward Thee, that loving Thee above all things I may obtain Thy promises, which *exceed all that I can desire ;* through JESUS CHRIST our *LORD. Amen.*

FOR LOVE TO MAN.

BLESSED Lord, Who hast given us a new commandment, that we should love one another: Grant me grace to love my companions even as myself, putting away all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and evil-speaking, with all malice; and grant that in honour preferring others, I may walk in love, even as Thou, Lord, lovedst me and gavest Thyself to die for my sins. Amen.

FOR A BOUNTIFUL SPIRIT.

FREELY, O Lord, have I received of Thy bounty; give me grace freely to give to those who are in need, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Help me to have love unto all men, and to minister to their wants, for the sake of the same JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR TRUTH.

O GOD, the God of Truth, mercifully grant that the HOLY SPIRIT of Truth may rule my heart, filling me with the love of Truth, and making me in all my thoughts, and words, and works to follow Truth, for His dear sake Who is the Truth, JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR REVERENCE AND DEVOTION IN WORSHIP.

HELP me, O Lord, to be reverent and devout in all the sacred services of Thy House. Keep me from forgetting that Thou art present. Help me to pray with the heart and the understanding, and not with the lips only; and hear Thou in heaven, Thy dwelling place, and when Thou hearest, answer and forgive, for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. Amen.

FOR PATIENCE IN ANY KIND OF TRIAL.

GRANT, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as Thy dearly beloved SON, our SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, according to Thy will, bore death and bitter suffering for our redemption; so I may patiently endure all trial and affliction which Thou dost lay upon me; through the same Thy SON, JESUS CHRIST, our LORD. Amen.

IN SICKNESS.

O ALMIGHTY and most Merciful FATHER, Who givest and Who takest away the health of Thy creatures as it seemeth best to Thy Divine Wisdom, and Who chastenest every son whom Thou receivest: Make me patient and resigned under this sickness, and turn it, by Thy grace, to my present and eternal good; for the sake of Him Who suffered on the Cross for us all, JESUS CHRIST our SAVIOUR. Amen.

FOR A HAPPY DEATH.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Whose we are in life and in death: Grant me so to live now that I may never be unprepared to die. Keep ever in my mind that one day I must go hence and be no more seen, and give me grace so to believe in Thee and so to serve Thee that I may meet Thee with joy and not with shame. In the hour of death and in the day of judgment, Good LORD, deliver me. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR EVERY NEED.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, Who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: I beseech Thee to have compassion upon my infirmities; and those things which for my unworthiness I dare not, and for my blindness I cannot ask, vouchsafe to give me, for the worthiness of Thy SON, JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

Intercessory Prayers.

FOR THE CHURCH.

O LORD, I beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness; through **JESUS CHRIST** our LORD. Amen.

FOR THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH.

O LORD **JESU CHRIST**, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles, "Peace I leave with you," and didst pray that Thy Church might be One: Grant unto all who believe in Thee and are baptized into Thy Name, that peace and unity which are agreeable to Thy will, Who livest and reignest with the **FATHER** and the **HOLY GHOST**, One God, world without end. Amen.

FOR THE QUEEN.

O KING of kings, and LORD of lords, the only Ruler of princes: Vouchsafe to keep Thy servant **Victoria** our Queen under Thy continual protection: save and defend her from all her enemies: give her grace to rule Thy people to Thy honour and glory, and grant her after this life the inheritance of Thy heavenly kingdom, in the life and bliss that shall have no ending, through **JESUS CHRIST** our LORD. Amen.

FOR BISHOPS AND CLERGY.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Thou great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, send down upon Thy servants, the Bishops and Pastors of Thy Church, Thy heavenly blessing. Give them the Spirit of wisdom and holiness, patience and charity, zeal and watchfulness, that they may faithfully declare Thy will, boldly rebuke vice, and rightly and duly administer Thy Holy Sacraments. Support and comfort them under all suffering and opposition for the cause of Thy truth, and grant that, after turning many to righteousness, they may shine as the stars for ever and ever; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE.

O GOD, look down in mercy upon Thy servant our Bishop, to whom Thou hast given charge over this Diocese, and evermore guide, defend, and comfort him; and grant him by Thy grace so to advance in word and good example, that he may, with the flock committed unto him, attain to everlasting life; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR THE CLERGY OF THE PARISH.

LOOK favourably, O LORD, on Thy servants whom thou hast set over Thy Church in this Parish; and grant that both by word and good example they may profit those amongst whom they labour, that together with their flock they may attain eternal life; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR THE PARISH.

HAVE mercy, I beseech Thee, O LORD, upon this [City and] Parish: strengthen and confirm the *faithful*: visit and relieve the sick: turn and soften the

wicked : rouse the careless : recover the fallen : restore the penitent : remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth, and bring all to be of one heart and one mind within the fold of Thy Holy Catholic Church, to the honour and glory of Thy Son, JESUS CHRIST, our LORD. Amen.

FOR MISSIONS.

GATHER together Thine elect, O SAVIOUR, from the four corners of heaven : send forth Thy ministers into all the world in the spirit and power of Elias, and bring in the fulness of the Gentiles. Quicken the dead in trespasses and sins, enlighten the ignorant, and bring back the wandering. Fetch them home, Blessed LORD, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under One Shepherd. Amen.

FOR IMPENITENT SINNERS.

ALmighty God, I beseech Thee to hear my prayers for all who sin against Thee, or neglect to serve Thee ; and grant unto them true repentance and an hearty desire to amend their lives ; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR THE MASTERS.

ASSIST, O LORD, with Thy heavenly blessing the Masters of this School, whom thou hast set in authority over me : grant them, I beseech Thee, every needful gift and grace, that they may fulfil their charge to Thy glory and our good. Knit together our hearts, learners and teachers, in the holy bonds of goodwill and love ; that so, being united in one body, we may work as the servants of one LORD, and finally, when the course of this brief life is ended, may together inherit that blessed reward which Thou hast promised to those who love and serve Thee : Grant this for the sake of JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR THE SCHOOL.

I BESEECH Thee, O LORD, to look favourably upon this School, and to pour Thy blessing upon all its members. Grant to each one of us such a measure of Thy grace as may fit us for the duties of our different stations. Help us to order our lives in lowliness and reverence to those above us, in kindness and gentleness to our equals, in Christian love and charity towards all: and grant that having dwelt together here for a season in Thy fear and love, we may not be separated henceforward for ever, but may together be received into those everlasting habitations which Thou hast prepared for all who love and serve Thee; through the merits of of JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR ENEMIES.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, I beseech Thee to forgive mine enemies all their sins against Thee, and give me such a measure of Thy grace, that for their hatred I may love them, for their injury I may do them good, and for their persecution I may pray for them; after Thy most blessed example, Who with Thy latest breath didst pray for Thy murderers, saying, "FATHER, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Amen.

FOR ANY WITH WHOM WE HAVE SHARED IN SIN.

O MOST Merciful LORD God, have mercy upon me and all those with whom I have at any time shared in sin, or who have been tempted to sin by my example (*especially* —*). Let not my brother perish through my fault, but grant to us true repentance, and mercy in the day of judgment; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

* *Here name any one for whom you wish specially to pray.*

FOR A FRIEND.

I PRAY Thee, O LORD JESU, by the love which Thou hadst for him who lay on Thy bosom, to bless my dear friend ——* exceeding abundantly, above all that I can ask or think. Help us to love each other in Thee and for Thee, and to walk as friends in the way of Thy commandments; and finally unite us for ever in Thy heavenly kingdom, where love will be perfect and eternal, and where Thou, with the FATHER and the HOLY GHOST, livest and reignest, One God, world without end. Amen.

FOR COMPANIONS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, I beseech Thee to bless Thy servants who are preparing to receive the grace of Confirmation. Convert their whole hearts unto Thyself; increase in them the gift which in their Baptism Thou didst bestow, and strengthen them in all goodness and holiness of living; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR ANYONE IN SICKNESS.

O ALMIGHTY God, I pray Thee look with mercy upon Thy servant ——*, and grant that not only in *his* body, but also in *his* soul, *he* may experience Thy healing power; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

FOR A DYING PERSON.

UNTIL Thee, O LORD, I commend the soul of Thy servant ——*, that dying to the world *he* may live to Thee; and the sins which he has committed through the weakness of *his* flesh, do Thou clear away by Thy most loving and merciful forgiveness; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

* Here name any one for whom you wish specially to pray.

FOR THOSE AT SEA.

O BLESSED SAVIOUR, Whom the wind and the sea obey, Who didst save Thy disciples when they were ready to perish in the storm: Be merciful, I beseech Thee, to those who go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters. Bring them unto the haven where they would be, that they may praise Thee for Thy goodness, and declare the wonders that thou doest for the children of men. Amen.

FOR THOSE IN DISTRESS.

BE Thou, O LORD, the helper of the helpless, the hope of the hopeless, the comforter of the afflicted, the pilot of the tempest-tossed, the haven of those who sail, the physician of the sick, the support of the dying. I commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are anyways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate, that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And as for me and mine, O LORD, direct Thou the course of our lives in peace, and let our death be free from sin and shame, and, if it be Thy good pleasure, as free from pain as may be. Gather us together, O LORD, unto the feet of Thy elect—when Thou wilt, where Thou wilt, and as Thou wilt, only without sin and shame. Hear me, I beseech Thee, for the sake of JESUS CHRIST, my LORD and SAVIOUR. Amen.

O BLESSED Intercessor, remember me and mine in Thy Kingdom, and bear upon Thy heart *before the FATHER'S throne* all our desires and wants, *mingling with our poor and unworthy prayers the incense of Thine intercession*, for Thy mercies' sake Amen.

Thanksgivings.

A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING.

MOST Gracious God, I give Thee hearty thanks for this blessing (*here name the particular blessing*) which Thou hast so lately bestowed upon me; and I humbly pray Thee to continue Thy goodness towards me, and to help me to show forth Thy praise, not only with my lips but in my life, walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness now and always; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

AFTER RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

I THANK Thee, O LORD, Gracious and Merciful and of great kindness, that Thou hast raised me up from the bed of sickness, and restored me to health again. Blessed be Thy Holy Name for all Thy goodness towards me. Let it be good for me that I have been afflicted. Teach me ever to remember how uncertain is my life, and give me grace never to lose sight of the change which awaits me at death, but to be always ready to meet it; through JESUS CHRIST our SAVIOUR. Amen.

GENERAL THANKSGIVINGS.

GLORY be to Thee, O LORD, for Thy mercy. Praise the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, praise His Holy Name.

What reward shall I give unto the LORD; for all the benefits that He hath done unto me?

I will thank Thee, for Thou hast heard me: and art become my salvation.

FOR all Thy blessings which I know and which I know not, which I have forgotten or have never thanked Thee for : for all the grace which Thou hast given, and art ready to give me ; for all the means of grace, and above all for the blessed hope of everlasting life--I give Thee most humble and hearty thanks, O LORD, Holy FATHER, Almighty, Everlasting God. I cannot thank Thee as I ought. Pour Thy grace into my heart, that I may know how to thank and praise Thee. Accept the desire of my heart for JESUS CHRIST's sake ; to Whom, with Thee and the HOLY GHOST, be all honour and glory, praise and thanksgiving, world without end. Amen.

NOTE.—Psalms 30, 34, 100, 103, 107, 116, 117, 118, 121, 134, 138, 144—150, are Psalms of praise and thanksgiving.

Ejaculatory Prayers.

During a conversation in which there is danger of sinning.

SET a watch, O LORD, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips.

When tempted by evil thoughts.

O LET not my heart be inclined to any evil thing. O God, make clean my heart within me.

When tempted to anger.

THE servant of the LORD must not strive. LORD, make me gentle and forbearing.

In any temptation.

HOW can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? LORD, help me. O LORD, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul. O save me for Thy mercies' sake.

After having sinned.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness: according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

When in trouble.

FORSAKE me not, O LORD my God: be not Thou far from me.

For general use.

LORD purify my thoughts: bridle my tongue: guide all my actions: guard all my senses: stop my ears, and turn away my eyes from sin and vanity. Amen.

FATHER, pardon me. SAVIOUR, plead for me. HOLY SPIRIT, make me holy. O God, help me to love Thee better.

PARDON for the past, and strength for the future, grant me, Good LORD; for JESUS CHRIST'S sake.

HAVE mercy on all sinners, JESU.

GLORY be to the FATHER, and to the SON, and to the HOLY GHOST. Amen.

These are suggested merely as examples. You will find in the Book of Psalms an inexhaustible store of short prayers and aspirations most suitable for this kind of use.

“Let us desire with all eagerness, let us ask with all perseverance; not with length of words, but with the witness of groans. Longing desire *prayeth always*, though the tongue be silent. If thou art ever longing, thou art ever praying. When sleepeth prayer?—When *desire groweth cold*.”—*S. Augustine.*

Rules of Life.

I.

1. *Never omit your prayers*, morning and evening, at least, and say them with as much attention and earnestness as you can. Make Duty towards God : public and private worship, &c., &c. it a point of duty *to get up the moment the bell rings*, so that your prayers may never be thrust aside for want of time, or hurried over without thought or reverence.

2. Behave always most reverently in Church or Chapel. Kneel in a reverent posture during the prayers, and avoid the lazy, indolent *leaning forward* which is so commonly substituted for kneeling. Remember in Whose presence you are, and to Whom your worship is offered, and how great a dishonour it is to Him to trifle or be irreverent in His House, or to seem indifferent to the service. Remember, too, that grace before and after meals is an act of worship offered to Almighty God ; and try to behave, while the words are being said, as you would in Church.*

3. Do not forget to use your Bible. Read some of it privately, if you can, at least once a day. Mark well the sense, and apply every precept honestly to yourself. Note any difficulty, and ask to have it explained when you have the opportunity.

4. When you are confirmed, you ought not, *without very good reason* (and beware of deceiving yourself as to

* See note, page 74.

what is a good reason), to be absent from Holy Communion, as often as it is celebrated in the Chapel. Neither ought you to limit your communions to these times, but occasionally to attend the celebration in the Cathedral as well.

5. Do your best to keep Sunday holy, abstaining from such work or play as may be plainly unsuitable to it. The Lord's Day is one on which to "be glad and rejoice." It should not, therefore, be observed with gloom or austerity: but, notwithstanding, you ought to cultivate a certain *quietness* of manner on Sunday, avoiding noise, loud shouting, and racket, as being not only unsuitable in themselves, but tending to disturb and distract others, who love the calm and solemn associations of the Day of Rest, and who are trying to make a right use of it, to the glory of God and the good of their souls.

6. Accustom yourself to abstain from unseemly noise immediately upon coming out of Chapel, or in the neighbourhood of the Chapel door. Never scribble in your Bible, Prayer-book, or Hymn-book: it is an act of irreverence to God so to treat His Book, or any book which has to do with His service.

7. Make a regular practice of keeping back some of your pocket-money to put in the alms box or to give in the Offertory. God is pleased to ask for, and to accept your offerings, however trifling, and *He will reward you, if you remember the poor.*

II.

8. Never make a profane joke, or any jesting allusion to, or quotation from, the Scriptures; companions. and if any such jokes, &c., are made in Rules 8—14. your presence, do not laugh at, or seem to be amused by them.

9. You will have enough to do to keep *yourself* from sin. It will not become you, nor serve any good purpose, that you should *lecture* other boys upon their moral conduct. It would only bring you into ridicule and do them no good. You will find *example* much more telling than advice. At the same time I would not discourage you from speaking privately to an intimate friend, particularly one younger than yourself, if you know that he is doing, or intends to do, anything wrong. And if advice of this kind is ever offered to yourself, take it kindly, listen to it, and mind it.

10. Avoid all canting expressions, and affected seriousness. Whoever is sincerely good and religious must be humble too; and such a person cannot give himself airs of superior piety.

11. You may not always have it in your power to choose your companions; but you should never make a *friend* of a boy who swears, uses unclean words, or habitually violates the rules of the School.

12. Always share your things generously with your companions, and avoid all greediness and selfishness.

13. Be manly and courageous on all occasions, and speak out your mind boldly, but not arrogantly, against anything wrong that may be uttered in your hearing.*

* One who was a boy at Marlborough College, when the late Dr. Cotton was Head Master, told me that during the five years of his school life he *never once heard an oath or an unclean word uttered, that was not immediately protested against by some one of the boys who heard it.* A striking practical illustration of the perfect possibility of carrying out this Rule.

14. Never quarrel with other boys, *if you can possibly help it*; but be prepared to defend yourself, and to fight it out manfully, if any attempt is made to *bully* you. Be ready, too, to stop any bullying of others, even at the risk of a battle, unless the odds are clearly too great against you.

III.

15. Never read any immoral books; never even look
Abstaining from into a book or paper which you would
evil. be ashamed to allow your mother to
Rules 15-19. see.

16. Never do, or take part in, any action of which you could not speak afterwards to the members of your own family,* or about which you have *a doubt* whether it is right or wrong.

17. Many things, not at all wrong in themselves, which you will be perfectly free to do when you are a man—smoking, for example—are of necessity forbidden to schoolboys. Remember how base and dishonourable it is for a boy *treated with such trust and confidence as you are to take advantage of opportunities of indulging in things so forbidden*. In the old days of repression and suspicion there was, perhaps, some excuse for such conduct: *in your case there is none*.

18. Whenever any wrong thing is suggested to you, directly or indirectly, reject it *at once*. Delay is fatal. To listen to a suggestion of sin is the first step towards committing it.

* I have read of a boy—a boy of rare courage and spirit too—who was once kept from joining in some “disreputable lark” (so the writer called it) in great part by this very *feeling*. “*When I remembered that I could not tell you about it, I would not go,*” he said to his sister afterwards.

19. Shun, as you would deadly poison, *every kind and degree of lying*: particularly shuffling or prevarication, which is not only sinful, but mean and cowardly also. Go straight forward always; and let neither fear nor ridicule turn you aside from the course of an honourable Christian boy.

IV.

20. Behave with habitual respect to all the Masters, General conduct and return with gratitude and affection and bearing. the care of any person who is kind and Rules 20—26. attentive to you.

21. Never be idle: always do your best, both at work and play. Work hard in School and study, and join heartily and with a will in all manly games in play hours.

22. Beware of *cruelty* in all its forms. Set your face against the cowardly form of it called *bullying*. Keep clear of it yourself, and if God has given you a strong arm and a courageous spirit, prevent others from practising it. Do not even tread on a worm, or destroy an insect wantonly. Remember—"Not a sparrow falleth to the ground without your FATHER."

23. Never ridicule old age or poverty. Never laugh at any deformity or natural defect in a school fellow. Such conduct is exceedingly ill-natured and base. So is teasing, quizzing, and all such modes of hurting other people's feelings, mistaken by fools for wit. *Do as you would be done by*, and take care that your fun is always kindly and goodnatured.

24. Remember the Fifth Commandment. Consider how much you owe to your parents, and how every *action of yours, and every Report of your conduct and*

diligence that they receive, will affect their feelings: with what anxiety they have tended your infancy and childhood, and are now watching your youth: and how very much it depends upon you whether their old age, if it please God to prolong their days upon earth, shall be quiet and happy, or disturbed and wretched.

25. In all matters of conduct, be guided NOT BY THE PREVAILING OPINIONS AND FASHION, BUT BY PRINCIPLE; and take your principles always from the Bible.

- 26. Read these Rules as often as is needed to make you well remember them at all times. The more you attend to them, the better *and the happier* you will be; and may God Himself—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be your Guide, and Counsellor, now and evermore. Amen.

WHEREWITHAL SHALL A YOUNG MAN
CLEANSE HIS WAY: EVEN BY RULING
HIMSELF AFTER THY WORD.

H Y M N S.

Morning.

"I myself will awake right early."

Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run ;
Shake off dull sloth, and early rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,
And live this day as if thy last ;
Improve thy talent with due care,
For the great day thyself prepare.

Let all thy converse be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noon-day clear ;
Think how all-seeing God thy ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.

By influence of the Light divine
Let thy own light in good works shine ;
Reflect all heaven's propitious rays
In ardent love and cheerful praise.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow ;
Praise Him, all creatures here below ;
Praise him above, angelic host ;
Praise FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST. *Ame*

"His compassions fail not ; they are new every morning."

New every morning is the love
Our wakening and uprising prove ;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life, and power, and thought.

New mercies, each returning day,
Hover around us while we pray ;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task,
Will furnish all we need to ask,
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O LORD, in Thy dear love
Fit us for perfect rest above ;
And help us, this and every day,
To live more nearly as we pray. Amen.

Evening.

*"Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is
far spent."*

ABIDE with me ; fast falls the eventide ;
The darkness deepens ; LORD, with me abide ;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day ;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away ;
Change and decay in all around I see ;
O Thou Who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour ;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power ?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be ?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless ;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness ;
Where is death's sting, where, grave, thy victory ?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes ;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies ;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows
flee ;
In life, in death, O LORD, abide with me. Amen.

" It is Thou, LORD, only that makest me dwell in safety."

THE day is past and over ;
All thanks, O LORD, to Thee ;
I pray Thee now that sinless
The hours of dark may be :
O JESU, keep me in Thy sight,
And guard me through the coming night.

The joys of day are over ;
I lift my heart to Thee,
And ask Thee that offenceless
The hours of dark may be :
O JESU, keep me in Thy sight,
And guard me through the coming night.

The toils of day are over ;
I raise the hymn to Thee,
And ask that free from peril
The hours of dark may be :
O JESU, keep me in Thy sight,
And guard me through the coming night.

Be thou my soul's preserver,
For Thou alone dost know
How many are the perils
Through which I have to go :
O loving JESU, hear my call,
And guard and save me from them all. Amen.

*" And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto Him
all that were diseased, and all that were possessed with
devils. And all the city was gathered together at the
door."*

At even ere the sun was set, \
The sick, O LORD, around Thee lay ;
Oh, in what divers pains they met !
Oh, with what joy they went away !

Once more 'tis eventide, and we
Oppressed with various ills draw near :
What if Thy Form we cannot see ?
We know and feel that Thou art here.

O SAVIOUR CHRIST, our woes dispel ;
For some are sick, and some are sad,
And some have never loved Thee well,
And some have lost the love they had ;

*And some have found the world is vain,
Yet from the world they break not free ;
And some have friends who give them pain,
Yet have not sought a friend in Thee ;*

And none, O LORD, have perfect rest,
For none are wholly free from sin ;
And they who fain would serve Thee best
Are conscious most of wrong within.

O SAVIOUR CHRIST, Thou too art Man ;
Thou hast been troubled, tempted, tried ;
Thy kind but searching glance can scan
The very wounds that shame would hide ;

Thy touch has still its ancient power ;
No word from Thee can fruitless fall ;
Hear in this solemn evening hour,
And in Thy mercy heal us all. Amen.

Penitence.

“ My soul fleeth unto the LORD.”

LORD, in this Thy mercy's day
Ere it pass for aye away,
On our knees we fall and pray.

Holy JESU, grant us tears,
Fill us with heart-searching fears
Ere that awful doom appears.

LORD, on us Thy SPIRIT pour
Kneeling lowly at the door,
Ere it close for evermore.

By Thy night of agony,
By Thy supplicating cry,
By Thy willingness to die,

By Thy tears of bitter wee
For Jerusalem below,
Let us not Thy love forego.

Grant us 'neath Thy wings a place,
Lest we lose this day of grace
Ere we shall behold Thy face. Amen.

"LORD, to whom shall we go?"

WHEN wounded sore the stricken heart
Lies bleeding and unbound,
One only Hand, a piercèd Hand,
Can salve the sinner's wound.

When sorrow swells the laden breast,
And tears of anguish flow,
One only Heart, a broken Heart,
Can feel the sinner's woe.

When penitential grief has wept
Over some foul dark spot,
One only Stream, a Stream of Blood,
Can wash away the blot.

'Tis JESUS' Blood that washes white,
His Hand that brings relief,
His Heart is touched with all our joys,
And feels for all our grief.

*Lift up Thy bleeding Hand, O LORD,
Unseal that cleansing tide;
We have no shelter from our sin
But in Thy wounded Side. Amen.*

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

O JESU, Thou art standing
Outside the fast-closed door,
In lowly patience waiting
To pass the threshold o'er :
Shame on us Christian brethren,
His Name and sign who bear,
Oh shame, thrice shame upon us
To keep Him standing there.

O JESU, Thou art knocking :
And lo! that Hand is scarred,
And thorns Thy Brow encircle,
And tears Thy Face have marred :
Oh love that passeth knowledge
So patiently to wait !
Oh sin that hath no equal
So fast to bar the gate !

O JESU, Thou art pleading
In accents meek and low,
"I died for you, My children,
And will you treat me so?"
O LORD, with shame and sorrow
We open now the door :
Dear SAVIOUR, enter, enter,
And leave us never more. Amen.

"While we were yet sinners, CHRIST died for us."

THERE is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear LORD was crucified
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell
What pains He had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by His precious Blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate
Of Heaven, and let us in.

O, dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him too,
And trust in His redeeming Blood,
And try His works to do. Amen.

In Times of Trouble.

*"He that cometh to Me shall never hunger, and he
believeth in Me shall never thirst."*

I HEARD the voice of JESUS say
"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast:"
I came to JESUS as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of JESUS say
"Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one
Stoop down, and drink, and live:"

I came to JESUS, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream ;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of JESUS say
" I am this dark world's Light ;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright :"
I looked to JESUS and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun ;
And in that Light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done. Amen.

*Thou hast been a strength to the poor ; a strength to the
needy in his distress."*

I NEED Thee, Precious JESU,
For I am very poor ;
A stranger and a pilgrim,
I have no earthly store ;
I need the love of JESUS
To cheer me on my way,
To guide my doubting footsteps,
To be my strength and stay.

I need Thee, Precious JESU,
I need a friend like Thee,
A friend to soothe and pity,
A friend to care for me :
I need the Heart of JESUS
To feel each anxious care,
To tell my every trial,
And all my sorrows share.

I need Thee, Precious JESU,
I need Thee, day by day,
To fill me with Thy fulness,
To lead me on my way ;

I need Thy HOLY SPIRIT
To teach me what I am,
To show me more of JESUS,
To point me to the Lamb.

I need Thee, Precious JESU,
And hope to see Thee soon.
Encircled with the rainbow,
And seated on Thy throne ;
There, with Thy Blood-bought children,
My joy shall ever be,
To sing Thy praises, JESU,
To gaze, my LORD, on Thee. Amen.

" Casting all your care upon Him ; for He careth for you.

O LORD, how happy should we be
If we could cast our care on Thee,
If we from self could rest ;
And feel at heart that One above
In perfect wisdom, perfect love,
Is working for the best.

How far from this our daily life,
How oft disturbed by anxious strife,
By sudden wild alarms ;
Oh, could we but relinquish all
Our earthly props, and simply fall
On Thine Almighty arms !

Could we but kneel and cast our load,
E'en while we pray, upon our God,
Then rise with lightened cheer ;
Sure that the FATHER, Who is nigh
To still the famished raven's cry,
Will hear in that we fear.

We cannot trust Him as we should ;
So chafes weak nature's restless mood
To cast its peace away ;
But birds and flowerets round us preach,
All, all the present evil teach
Sufficient for the day.

LORD, make these faithless hearts of ours
Such lessons learn from birds and flowers ;
Make them from self to cease,
Leave all things to a FATHER'S will,
And taste, before Him lying still,
E'en in affliction peace. Amen.

" There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."

THERE is a blessed Home
Beyond this land of woe,
Where trials never come,
Nor tears of sorrow flow ;
Where faith is lost in sight,
And patient hope is crowned,
And everlasting light
Its glory throws around.

There is a land of peace,
Good angels know it well ;
Glad songs that never cease
Within its portals swell ;
Around its glorious Throne
Ten thousand saints adore
CHRIST, with the FATHER One
And SPIRIT, evermore.

O joy all joys beyond,
To see the LAMB Who died,
And count each sacred Wound
In Hands, and Feet, and Side,

To give to Him the praise
Of every triumph won,
And sing through endless days
The great things He hath done.

Look up ye saints of God,
Nor fear to tread below
The path your SAVIOUR trod
Of daily toil and woe ;
Wait but a little while
In uncomplaining love,
His own most gracious smile
Shall welcome you above. Amen.

Praise and Thanksgiving.

*" When I laid the foundations of the earth when
the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God
shouted for joy."*

Songs of praise the angels sang,
Heaven with Alleluias rang,
When creation was begun,
When God spake and it was done.

Songs of praise awoke the morn
When the Prince of Peace was born ;
Songs of praise arose when He
Captive led captivity.

Heaven and earth must pass away,
Songs of praise shall crown that day ;
God will make new heaven and earth,
Songs of praise shall hail their birth.

And will man alone be dumb
Till that glorious kingdom come?
No, the Church delights to raise
Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.

Saints below, with heart and voice,
Still in songs of praise rejoice :
Learning here, by faith and love,
Songs of praise to sing above.

Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
FATHER, unto Thee we raise,
JESU, glory unto Thee,
With the SPIRIT, ever be. Amen.

*" O clap your hands together all ye people ; O sing unto God
with the voice of melody."*

Now thank we all our God,
With heart, and hands, and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In Whom His world rejoices ;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us ;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,
The FATHER, now be given,
The SON, and Him Who reigns
With Them in highest heaven,

The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

"The second Man is the LORD from heaven."

PRAISE to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways.

O loving wisdom of our God !
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

O wisest love ! that flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail ;

And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine ;
God's Presence and His very Self,
And Essence all-divine.

O generous love ! that He, Who smote
In man for man the foe,
The double agony in man
For man should undergo ;

And in the garden secretly,
And on the Cross on high,
Should teach His brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise :
In all His words most wonderful
More sure in all His ways. Amen.

"In everything give thanks."

WHEN morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries
 May JESUS CHRIST be praised.
Alike at work and prayer
To JESUS I repair ;
 May JESUS CHRIST be praised.

Whene'er the sweet church bell
Peals over hill and dell,
 May JESUS CHRIST be praised,
O hark to what it sings,
As joyously it rings,
 May JESUS CHRIST be praised.

My tongue shall never tire
Of chanting with the choir
 May JESUS CHRIST be praised :
This song of sacred joy,
It never seems to cloy ;
 May JESUS CHRIST be praised.

When sleep her balm denies,
My silent spirit sighs
 May JESUS CHRIST be praised :
When evil thoughts molest,
With this I shield my breast,
 May JESUS CHRIST be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind ?
A solace here I find,
 May JESUS CHRIST be praised :
Or fades my earthly bliss ?
My comfort still is this,
 May JESUS CHRIST be praised.

The night becomes as day,
When from the heart we say
 May JESUS CHRIST be praised :

The powers of darkness fear,
When this sweet chant they hear,
May JESUS CHRIST be praised.

In heaven's eternal bliss
The loveliest strain is this,
May JESUS CHRIST be praised :
Let earth, and sea, and sky
From depth to height reply
May JESUS CHRIST be praised.

General Hymns.

" LORD, *save us.*"

JESU, meek and gentle,
SON of God most high,
Pitying, loving SAVIOUR,
Hear Thy children's cry.

Pardon our offences,
Loose our captive chains,
Break down every idol
Which our soul detains.

Give us holy freedom,
Fill our hearts with love ;
Draw us, HOLY JESUS !
To the realms above.

Lead us on our journey,
Be Thyself the Way
Through terrestrial darkness
To celestial day.

JESU, meek and gentle,
SON of God most high,
Pitying, loving SAVIOUR,
Hear Thy children's cry. Amen.

*"If I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you;
but if I depart, I will send Him unto you."*

OUR blest Redeemer, ere He breathed
His tender last farewell,
A Guide, a Comforter, bequeathed
With us to dwell.

He came sweet influence to impart,
A gracious willing Guest,
While He can find one humble heart
Wherein to rest.

And His that gentle voice we hear,
Soft as the breath of even,
That checks each thought, that calms each fear,
And speaks of heaven.

And every virtue we possess,
And every conquest won,
And every thought of holiness,
Are His alone.

SPIRIT of purity and grace,
Our weakness, pitying, see :
O make our hearts Thy dwelling place,
And worthier Thee.

O praise the FATHER ; praise the SON
Blest SPIRIT, praise to Thee ;
All praise to GOD, the THREE in ONE,
The ONE in THREE. Amen.

*"As many as are led by the SPIRIT of GOD, they are the
sons of GOD."*

COME, gracious SPIRIT, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above ;
Be Thou our Guardian, Thou our Guide,
O'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,
And make us know and choose Thy way;
Plant holy fear in every heart
That we from Thee may ne'er depart.

Lead us to CHRIST, the living Way,
Nor let us from His precepts stray;
Lead us to holiness, the road
That we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heaven, that we may share
Fulness of joy for ever there:
Lead us to God, our final rest,
To be with Him for ever blest! Amen.

*"If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I
there shall also My servant be."*

O HAPPY band of pilgrims,
If onward ye will tread
With JESUS as your Fellow
To JESUS as your Head.

O happy if you labour
As JESUS did for men:
O happy if ye hunger
As JESUS hungered then.

The Cross that JESUS carried
He carried as your due:
The Crown that JESUS weareth
He weareth it for you.

The faith by which ye see Him,
The hope in which ye yearn,
The love that through all troubles
To Him alone will turn.

The trials that beset you,
The sorrows ye endure,
The manifold temptations
That death alone can cure,

What are they but His jewels
Of right celestial worth?
What are they but the ladder
Set up to heaven on earth?

O happy band of pilgrims,
Look upward to the skies
Where such a light affliction
Shall win so great a prize. Amen.

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand."

HARK! hark, my soul; Angelic songs are swelling
O'er earth's green fields, and ocean's wave-beat shore:
How sweet the truth those blessed strains are telling
Of that new life when sin shall be no more.
Angels of Jesus, Angels of light,
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night.

Onward we go, for still we hear them singing,
"Come, weary souls, for Jesus bids you come:"
And, through the dark its echoes sweetly ringing,
The music of the Gospel leads us home.
Angels of Jesus, Angels of light,
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night.

Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing,
The voice of JESUS sounds o'er land and sea,
And laden souls by thousands meekly stealing,
Kind Shepherd, turn their weary steps to Thee.
Angels of Jesus, Angels of light,
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night.

Rest comes at length, though life be long and dreary,
The day must dawn, and darksome night be past;
Faith's journey ends in welcome to the weary,
And heaven, the heart's true home, will come at last.
Angels of Jesus, Angels of light,
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night.

Angels, sing on! your faithful watches keeping;
Sing us sweet fragments of the songs above;
Till morning's joy shall end the night of weeping,
And life's long shadows break in cloudless love.
Angels of Jesus, Angels of light,
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night. Amen.

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Appendix.

PRIVATE PRAYERS IN CHURCH OR CHAPEL.

Before Service.

LORD God Almighty, Who art present here, though I cannot see Thee: Help me by Thy HOLY SPIRIT to worship Thee as I ought; for JESUS CHRIST'S sake, our LORD. Amen.

After Service.

PARDON, O LORD, my wandering thoughts, my coldness and want of devotion, and help me to love and serve Thee better; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

GRACE BEFORE MEAT.*

V. The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O LORD.

R. Thou givest them their meat in due season.

V. Thou openest Thine hand.

R. And fillest all things living with plenteousness.

HAVE mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, O LORD, and bless these gifts which Thy bounty has provided for us: through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

* The following very suggestive passage is transferred, without abbreviation, from Dean Goulburn's book or "The Office of the Holy Communion," p. 28, 3d ed.:—

"We are to sanctify our necessary and common, no less than our religious actions; 'whether we eat or drink, whatever we do, we are to do all to the glory of God.' TI

GRACE AFTER MEAT.

V. Praise, honour, and glory be unto Thee, O Blessed and Glorious TRINITY.

R. Blessed be the Name of the LORD, both now and for ever.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O LORD, that using these Thy gifts to Thy glory in this present world, we may in the world to come have life everlasting: through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR THE USE OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN
CONFIRMED.

*One or more to be used every day during the Week,
before going to the Holy Communion.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER, Who didst so love me as to give Thy Blessed SON to die on the Cross for

utmost mirthfulness of heart and of conversation may thus be sanctified, so long as nothing is said which trespasses on the bounds of modesty, reverence, and charity; for our Lord Himself was present at a wedding festival—and a festival at which it is clear, from the narrative, that conviviality had reached a considerable height. Do we sanctify our social entertainments by striving to realize His presence at them, and thus bidding Him to the board? And last, but not least, how is grace said? Is it sometimes forgotten altogether? Oftener still mechanically and rapidly recited, without even a momentary uplifting of the heart? Are not the ordinary graces (I only throw this out for consideration) somewhat too short to take hold of the mind? Is it not the case often with well-disposed persons that the grace is over before the attention can rally? Beautiful, at all events, are those longer graces once in popular use, but which have now retreated into the devout seclusion of the Academy, in which, according to the true old fashion, the form is interspersed with responds, simply said on common days, and on certain high Festivals of the Church sweetly sung."

me; Help me now, thoughtless and hard of heart as I am, to make Thee some poor return of love. I desire to join with Thy Church in showing forth the Sacrifice of the death of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. For His sake be pleased to receive me. Give me true repentance for all my past sins and neglects; and grant that henceforth I may serve and please Thee in newness of life; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

O MOST Loving JESU, Who hast said, My Flesh is meat indeed, and My Blood is drink indeed; Grant, I beseech Thee, that my soul may be strengthened in the Blessed Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, that so I may dwell in Thee and Thou in me. LORD, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief. Convert my soul, and fill me with Thyself. Make me to see myself as Thou seest me, and to hate sin as Thou dost hate it. Wash me in Thy Blood, and make me clean. Give me strength to overcome all my temptations. Make me pure and holy. Help me to serve Thee faithfully here; and, in the end, take me to dwell with Thee in Thy Kingdom for ever and ever. Amen.

FEED me, I pray Thee, O Blessed SAVIOUR, feed me evermore with the spiritual Food of Thy most precious Body and Blood: grant that I may ever approach Thy Holy Table with a true penitent heart and lively faith, discerning Thy Body; that so, verily and indeed taking and receiving Thy Body and Blood, I may obtain the remission of my sins, and all other benefits of Thy Passion.

LORD, be Thou my helper. To whom can I go but unto Thee, O Blessed JESU? Thou art the Bread of Life: Thou hast the words of eternal life. LORD, I am Thine: O save me for Thy mercies' sake. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE USE OF THE MASTERS.

O LORD God, Who art the Giver of all wisdom, and dost will that children should be brought up in the fear and love of Thy Holy Name: Pour down, I beseech Thee, upon this School the gift of Thy heavenly blessing, and grant that all who are members of it may grow in grace, and, departing from all ungodliness, may serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Pour down upon me and my fellow-workers in this place the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things wherein we have offended Thee, and remembering not against us our negligences and ignorances. And because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, uphold us ever by Thy help and guidance; that caring diligently for the lambs of Thy fold we may glorify Thee, and finally by Thy mercy be everlastingly rewarded; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who as a boy upon earth wast subject to Joseph and Thy mother Mary: Have mercy, I beseech Thee, upon all the boys of this School, and prepare them for the work whereunto Thou wilt in due time call them. Make them earnest and thoughtful, teachable and diligent. Deliver them from all dishonesty and falsehood: from sloth and fastidiousness: from covetousness and theft: from captiousness and discontent: from all irreverence and hardness of heart. Cleanse them from all impurity, whether in thought, word, or act. Give them grace so to bridle their fleshly desires that they may be kept free from the bitterness of indulged sin, and may hereafter receive the blessing of the pure in heart, beholding Thee face to face in the glory of the FATHER. Amen.

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DEUS, Qui populis Tuis indulgentia consulis, et amore dominaris ; Da Spiritum sapientiae quibus dedisti regimen disciplinae ; ut de profectu sanctarum ovium fiant gaudia aeterna pastorum ; per CHRISTUM DOMINUM nostrum. Amen.

RESPICE de coelo, CHRISTE, super gregem et agnos Tuos, et benedic corpora et animas eorum. Qui signum Tuum, CHRISTE, in frontibus eorum acceperunt, Tuos esse concedas in die iudicii. Amen.

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